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(U) Classified by Political Counselor Janice G. Weiner, E.O. 12958, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) We delivered reftel demarche to Turkish MFA Middle East Department Head Onal November 14, emphasizing the strong U.S. interest in adoption of the Third Protocol, and our hope that Turkey would use its OIC leadership role to visibly support it. Onal said the Turkish position would be "positive," but expressed uncertainty about Turkey's ability to persuade many OIC countries. Onal undertook to pass our points to other "relevant departments" in the MFA.

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